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Subject: RE: Potential Oil Discharge Portland Oregon
Date: 02/24/2009 12:27 PM

Thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 12:25 PM
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Subject: Fw: Potential Oil Discharge Portland Oregon

Latest update from Dan Heister. I think we will need to factor this release into a revised CSM for the Willbridge site and perform some characterization to understand the potential for impacts to Portland Harbor.

Eric
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	Re: Fw: Potential Oil Discharge Portland Oregon(Document link: Eric Blischke)

All, I went over to ODEQ and met with Jeff Christensen and staff for an update and to discuss the situation. I then spoke by phone with Ray Hoy (SOSC) to get the most current information at the scene and to offer assistance. No on-scene assistance has been requested by ODEQ. Here is what I know:>

The Jet A fuel is being pumped to other tanks on site, anything above capacity is being sent to Kinder Morgan tanks at PDX via pipeline.

Current leak is approximately one barrel a day.

Still no indication that the material has daylighted, source control monitors are not detecting a release, but give narrow scope of detection system it is not an absolute negative.

Suspecting a leak the facility took the tank off-line from 2/6 to 2/23/09 to assess possible leakage. On 2/23/09 called NRC to report leak. Reported leak on going for 17 days (2/6- 2/23= 17). After further investigation the facility estimates the tank more likely has been leaking for 2 months to as much as a year. Facility believes lost Jet A is pooling under tank and is not yet mobile.

Boom is in river if material begins to appear. FOSC's Franklin and Heister will meet with SOSC Ray Hoy, ODEQ PM, USCG, and facility tomorrow to discuss situation and possible next steps.

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Dan Heister)

I imagine that's correct, but am in training in seattle right now and
will have to check in with Dan first before going further.

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Richard, are you going to be the primary POC for media inquiries? Given
the keen longstanding interest of many of our Portland Harbor
stakeholders and their close scrutiny of everything along the river, I
want to make sure we develop a talking point providing context for this
incident in relation to the Superfund site, in addition to the points
listed below.

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Judy,

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-----Dan Opalski/R10/USEPA/US wrote: -----

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From: Carl Lautenberger
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To: Chris Field; Dan Opalski; Linda Anderson-Carnahan
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Subject: Potential Oil Discharge Portland Oregon
The following is a brief synopsis of an ongoing incident in Portland Or
Monday evening the Nat'l Response Center passed a spill report to
the EPA and USCG Sector Portland
Chevron / Texaco Oil terminal located on the banks of the
Willamette River in Portland reported a potential oil discharge
from a large (235, 000 bbl oil storage tank)

No oil has reached the river however inventory accounting leads Chevron to believe that the tank bottom is leaking app 40 gals per day to the underlying soil, for an undetermined time. No oil had been detected in secondary containment surrounding the tank or in the terminal's drainage's. Chevron personnel are transferring the tank's contents into other available tankage at the terminal however app 5,000 bbls of oil will remain until a barge can be brought in on Thursday. Based upon the terminal and tank location, and existing response MOUs between the USCG and EPA, the USCG is the lead response agency should oil migrate to the Willamette River. According to the RP this tank was taken out of service in 2003 and the tank bottom was inspected using NDT method per industry standards and practices (API 653), this indicates the bottom is not severely compromised. Conversations with USCG indicate they are sending response personnel this evening to verify reported conditions. ERU will continue to coordinate and monitor the situation, potential EPA follow-up regarding SPCC/FRP compliance issues will be coordinated with Portland OSC's Franklin and Heister. For additional information contact this weeks' Phone Duty Office. Carl Lautenberger 907.271.1273. See attached pdf for EPA /USCG jurisdictional boundaries and aerial photos of terminal location.

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[attachment "Portland Response Boundary.pdf" removed by Judy Smith/R10/USEPA/US]